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Applicant: TOSHIMICHI MINOWA ET AL.

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Title: AUTOMOTIVE CONTROL APPARATUS AND METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the period to take action in the above-captioned application be extended by two months pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A check in the amount of \$400.00 is submitted herewith in payment of the required extension fee. This amount is believed to be correct, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/44307C2). A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

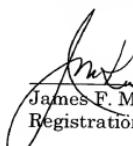
Respectfully submitted,

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